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Begun at *Edinburgh*, upon *Thursday* the 14th Day of
May 1752, and concluded the 25th Day of the
said Month and Year.

*The King's Commission to ALEXANDER
Earl of Leven produced, and ordered
to be recorded.*

Edinburgh, the 14th Day of May 1752. Sess. 1.
THE General Assembly of this National Church
being convened and constituted, there was pro-
duced to them, by the Right Honourable *Alex-
ander Earl of Leven*, THE KING'S Commis-
sion, sealed with the Seals appointed by the
Treaty of Union to be kept and used in Scotland, in place
of the Great Seal of Scotland, making and constituting him
His Majesty's High Commissioner and Representative in
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this Assembly, of the same Tenor with the Commission granted to his Lordship the last, and several preceeding Years; which Commission was publickly read with all due Honour and Respect, and ordered to be recorded in the Books of Assembly.

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*The King's most gracious Letter to the
General Assembly, presented to them
by his Majesty's Commissioner.*

Edinburgh, May 14th 1752. Sess. 1.

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RIGHT Reverend and Well-beloved, We greet you well: You have, at all Times, shewn so ready a Zeal for the Advancement of true Religion, and for the Support of the Protestant Succession, and so constant an Affection for our Person and Government, that we very willingly concur in this your present Meeting, and countenance it with our Approbation and Royal Authority; not doubting, but that your utmost Endeavours will be exerted for the most effectual Encouragement of Piety, and Virtue: And you may rely upon our Protection for preserving, to the Church of Scotland, all its Rights and Privileges, as by Law established. We have had so many Occasions, to be satisfied with the Loyalty, Fidelity, and good Conduct of our right Trusty and entirely beloved Cousin Alexander Earl of Leven, as well as with his Prudence and Abilities, in the Discharge of so important a Trust, that we have again determined to make Choice of him to represent our Person in this Assembly; being fully persuaded, that from the Experience you have had of his unshaken Attachment to us and our Government, and of his zealous Adherence to the Church of Scotland, he will be very agreeable to you. The inculcating and promoting of Religion and Piety being the chief Intent of your present assembling, we have the firmest Dependence that nothing will be omitted on your Part that may

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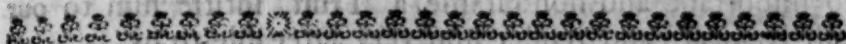
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may contribute to the Success of so good and desirable a Work: And so we bid you heartily Farewel.

Given at Our Court at *St. James's*, the Twenty-seventh Day of *March* 1752, in the Twenty-fifth Year of Our Reign.

By his Majesty's Command,

HOLLES NEWCASTLE.



III.

The General Assembly's Answer to the King's most gracious Letter.

Edinburgh, May 16th 1752, Sess. 3.

May it please your Majesty,



OUR Majesty's most Gracious Letter to this Assembly was received with that Respect and Gratitude which become loyal Subjects, deeply affected with a Sense of the Happiness we enjoy in living under the best of Sovereigns.

As it gives us the greatest Joy, so we esteem it our highest Honour, that your Majesty has so often condescended to take Notice of our Zeal for Religion and the Protestant Succession, and of our Affection to your Majesty's Person and Government. It is universally known that these are, and always have been the Sentiments of the Ministers and Elders of this Church; and we can, with great Pleasure, assure your Majesty, that the Generality of the People are animated with the same loyal Principles.

Your Majesty's countenancing our present Meeting with your Approbation and Royal Authority, is one of the many Proofs you have given of your Regard for the Welfare and Prosperity of this National Church.

The Advancement of the Interests of Religion and Piety is the great End we shall always have in View; and your Majesty's Royal Promise to protect the Church of *Scotland* in all her Rights and Privileges, as by Law established, gives us the best Ground to hope, that, by the Blessing of God upon our Endeavours, we shall be happy Instruments of accomplishing an End so important and valuable.

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The Renewal of your Royal Bounty for promoting Religion and Loyalty, is a fresh Testimony of your Majesty's paternal Care and Goodness, and calls for the warmest Returns of Gratitude from us, and your Majesty may be assured that we will faithfully employ it towards the pious and charitable Purposes for which it is bestowed.

Your Majesty's repeated Choice of the Earl of *Leven* to represent your Royal Person in the Assembly, his known Affection to your Majesty's Person and Government, his zealous Attachment to the Church of *Scotland*, and the long Experience we have had of his Fidelity in the Discharge of so important and honourable a Trust, intitle him to our just Respect, and render him very agreeable to us.

It is our great and distinguished Happiness, that while, by inculcating Religion and Piety, we discharge our Duty to God, we, at the same Time, gratify your Majesty, and recommend ourselves to your Royal Protection.

As we have the most grateful Sense of your Majesty's Goodness in expressing such Confidence in us, so we are firmly determined that nothing shall be omitted on our Part which may contribute to the Advancement of that Righteousness which is the only Stability of Government, and which alone exalterm a Nation.

That God may long preserve your Majesty to be the Father of your People, the Support of the Protestant Interest, the Guardian of the Liberties of *Europe*; that his watchful Providence may protect you while abroad; that he may prosper your Councils, and return you in Safety to your *British* Dominions; that he may bless their Royal Highnesses the Prince of *Wales*, the Princess Dowager of *Wales*, the Duke, the Princesses, and all your Royal Family; and that, after a long and happy Reign on Earth, your Majesty may at last inherit the Kingdom which cannot be moved, are, and shall be the sincere and hearty Prayers of,

May it please your Majesty,

Your Majesty's most faithful, most dutiful, and most loyal Subjects,

The Ministers and Elders met in this National Assembly of the Church of Scotland,

Signed in our Name, in our Presence, and at our Appointment, by

PATRICK CUMING, Moderator.

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IV.

ACT deposing Mr. Thomas Gillespie, Minister at Carnock, from the Office of the holy Ministry within this Church, and appointing the Presbytery of Dumfermline to admit Mr. Andrew Richardson as Minister of the Parish of Inverkeithing.

Edinburgh May 22d 1752, Sess. 8.



THE General Assembly, in Pursuance of the Orders given on *Monday* last to the Presbytery of *Dumfermline*, proceeded to call for the Ministers of the said Presbytery to give an Account of their Conduct in consequence of the Appointment then laid upon them to admit *Mr. Andrew Richardson* as Minister at *Inverkeithing*, the Warrant to summon all the Members of that Presbytery to meet at *Inverkeithing* upon *Thursday* the 21st of *May* for the said Admission, and to summon each of the Ministers of the Presbytery to appear at the Bar of this House this Day, together with a written Execution of the same, were produced and read; the said Ministers being called, there compeared *Mr. Robert Stark* at *Torriburn*, *Mr. James Thomson* at *Dumfermline*, *Mr. Thomas Fernie* there, *Mr. David Hunter* at *Saline*, *Mr. Robert Stark* at *Kintross*, *Mr. James Stoddart* at *Culross*, *Mr. Thomas Gillespie* at *Carnock*, *Mr. Alexander Daling* at *Cliesh*, and *Mr. John Spence* at *Orwell*; the Moderator produced and read a Letter from *Mr. John Lison* Minister at *Aberdour*, representing, that, according to the Assembly's Appointment, he did attend at *Inverkeithing* Yesterday, but could not appear before the Assembly this Day because of his present Indisposition; also a Letter from *Mr. James Bathgate* Minister at *Dalgettie*, shewing that he in like Manner attended at *Inverkeithing*, but could not appear before the Assembly on account of the Indisposition of his Family; there was also produced and read a Letter from *Mr. Robert Steedman* Minister at *Beith*, together with an Attestation from his Physician, shewing the bad State of his Health which made it unsafe for him to travel, so that he was not in Condition to obey the Assembly's Appointment concerning the

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Admission of Mr. *Richardson*, which otherways he would willingly and chearfully have submitted to; then the Ministers present being called upon one by one to give an Account whether or not they had obeyed the Assembly's Appointment, Mr. *James Thomson* represented, that, according to the Assembly's Appointment, he came to *Inverkeithing* Yesterday at Ten o'Clock, and there met with Mr. *John Liston*, and Mr. *James Bathgate*, that they ordered the Church Bell to be rung between the Hours of 11 and 12 o'Clock Forenoon; that immediately upon the ringing of the Bell they went to the Session-house within the Church of *Inverkeithing*, and there waited till Two of the Clock Afternoon; that they were required, under Form of Instrument, by Colonel *Arthur Forbes* and others, Callers of Mr. *Richardson*, to admit him as Minister there, but found they were not impowered to proceed, there being only three of them, whereas the Act of Assembly required five to make a Quorum, for the Purpose of the said Admission; that to shew their Readiness to execute the said Sentence, before they left the Church they intimated to all present, and ordered the Presbytery Officer to intimate at the most patent Church Door, that they were to stay an Hour or more in Town, in a House which they named, in order to meet with any other Ministers in case more should appear, so as to make a Quorum; all which was contained in the Instrument of Protest taken by Colonel *Forbes*, and now lodged in the Clerk's Hands; and accordingly they waited in Town till Five o'Clock at Night. Mr. *Robert Stark* at *Torriburn* represented, that he went to *Inverkeithing* Yesterday Morning, in order to converse with the Elders and others Opposers of Mr. *Richardson*'s Settlement, and endeavour so far to reconcile them to his Admission, as to give him Clearness to join in it; that having met with them, he did all in his Power to soften them, but to no Purpose, so that he left the Place; that he had nothing further to offer but what was contained in a Representation signed by him and other five Brethren, to which he referred. Mr. *James Stoddart* being called upon, acknowledged that he was not at *Inverkeithing*, and pled his peculiar Situation, as by a Sentence of the Court of Session, he was found to have no Title to the legal Benefice in the Parish of *Calrofs*, for which Reason he had chosen to behave himself in the Manner that appeared to him the most inoffensive, and had acted no Part in the present Question, or in other Affairs which came before the Presbytery; then Messrs. *David Hunter*, *Thomas Gillespie*, *Alexander Daling*, *Thomas Fernie*, and *John Spence*, being called upon, acknowledged they had received the Summons, that they had not obeyed the Assembly's Appointment, and for the Reasons of their Conduct, they gave in a

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Representation signed by them, and Mr. Stark at Torri-
burn, whereof the Tenor follows, viz. Unto the very
Reverend the Moderator, and the Reverend and Honourable
Members of the Venerable Assembly of the Church of
Scotland, met at Edinburgh 1752, the humble Repre-
sentation of the Members of the Presbytery of Dumfer-
line, whose Names are hereunto subjoined. We cannot but
be deeply affected with our present Situation in being
obliged to stand at the Bar of this Venerable Assembly,
to answer for Non-compliance with any of their Appoint-
ments; but as this Court is so good as to allow us to
speak in our own Behalf, we shall therefore beg Leave humbly
to represent some of those things which have all along
straitned us, in the Execution of the Orders we received;
and which still lay such Difficulties in our Way as we are
not able to surmount: And this we hope to do with that
Plainness and Honesty, and, at the same time, with that
decent and dutiful Respect to the supreme Judicatory of
this Church, which it is so justly intitled to expect from us.
We need scarce observe how unjustly we have been repre-
sented, as having no other Difficulty but the unreasonable
Fear of opposing the ill-grounded Prejudices of our People;
nor need we inform this House, that ever since the Act
restoring Patronages, in the End of Queen Anne's Reign,
there has been a vehement Opposition to all Settlements by
Presentations, where there was but small Concurrence;
which Settlements have already produced a Train of the
most unhappy Consequences, greatly affecting the Interest
of Religion, and if turned into the stated and fixed Rule
of Procedure, will, in all Probability, be attended with
every fatal Effect. Now, under such a View and Appre-
hension as this, was it any Wonder, or was it inconsistent
with that Obedience which we owe to our earthly Su-
periors in the Lord, that we should demur, and stop short
in carrying a Settlement into Execution, where, in our Ap-
prehension, there was by no means such a Concurrence
of Persons residing in the Parish, as might give sufficient
Weight and Influence for promoting the great Ends of the
Ministry. The Assembly know well, that it appears from
their own Acts and Resolutions, entered into their Records,
that the Law of Patronage has been considered as no small
Grievance to this Church, not to say as inconsistent with
our Union Settlement; and we find it declared, Act 25th
of May 1736, that it is and has been, since the Reforma-
tion, the Principle of this Church, that no Minister shall
be intruded into any Parish contrary to the Will of the
Congregation; and therefore it is seriously recommended
by the said Act to all Judicatories of this Church to have a
due Regard to the said Principle, in planting vacant Con-
gregations, so as none be intruded into such Parishes, as
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they regard the Glory of God, and the Edification of the Body of Christ; which Recommendation we humbly apprehend to be strongly supported by the Principles of Reason, and the Laws of our Lord Jesus Christ. Permit us to inform the Assembly, that after repeated Endeavours used by Committees of the Presbytery to lessen the Opposition to Mr. *Richardson* in the Parish of *Inverkeithing*, Matters still remain in such a Situation, that we are brought to this unhappy Dilemma, either of coming under the Imputation of Disobedience to a particular Order of our Ecclesiastical Superiors, or contributing our Part to the Establishment of Measures, which we can neither reconcile with the declared Principles, nor with the true Interest of this Church. On the whole, we can't help thinking, that by having an active Hand in carrying Mr. *Richardson's* Settlement into Execution, we should be the unhappy Instruments, as Matters now stand, to speak in the Language of Holy Writ, of scattering the Flock of Christ; not to mention what might be the fatal Consequences of such Settlements to our happy Civil Constitution. If the Venerable Assembly shall, on this Account, judge us guilty of such criminal Disobedience as to deserve their Censure, we trust, they will at least allow that we acted as honest Men, willing to forego every secular Advantage for Conscience sake. In such an Event, this, thro' Grace, shall be our Support, that not being charged with any Neglect of the Duties of our Ministry among those committed to our Care, we are to suffer for adhering to what we apprehend to be the Will of our great Lord and Master, whole we are, whom we are bound to serve in all things, and on whom we cast all our Care. *Robert Stark, David Hunter, Thomas Gillespie, Alexander Dalrymple, Thomas Fernie, John Spence.* Mr. *Robert Stark*, Minister at *Kinross*, being called upon, said, he had not received the Summons; that he was in *Inverkeithing* Yesterday Morning, but did not meet with the three Brethren who were there in order to execute the Assembly's Appointment, for which he offered his Reasons *viva voce*. But afterwards, of his own proper Motion, he signified to the Assembly, that he was so sensible of the Straits his Brethren were in, and of the bad Effects of disobeying the Authority of the Church, that he was willing to expose himself to all Hazards, and concur with the other three Brethren who had shewn their Readiness in obeying the Assembly's Appointment, in case they thought proper to renew the same. Then the Moderator earnestly recommended it to the six Brethren who gave in the above Representation, to consider seriously the Situation they were now in, and take the Opportunity they as yet had of saving themselves from the Displeasure of the Church. And being again called

led upon, and asked one by one, if they had any more to offer; they declared they had nothing further to add; whereupon they were removed. The Assembly then caused read over again the Representation given in by the six Ministers abovementioned, and proceeded to consider what was proper for them to do in the present Case; and, after long Reasoning, it was proposed, that the General Assembly should now resolve, that One of the six disobedient Brethren shall be deposed. Whereupon the Question was agreed to be put, DEPOSE or NOT; it being understood, that if it carried DEPOSE, the Assembly's Resolution should be as above. Then the Rolls being called, and Votes marked, it carried by a considerable Majority, Depose. Accordingly the Assembly did, and hereby do resolve, that one of the said six Ministers shall be deposed; and they adjourn till Tomorrow the Consideration of what remains to be done in this Matter; and the Ministers of the Presbytery of *Dumferling* being called in, the above Resolution of the Assembly was intimated to them, and they were ordered to attend Tomorrow.

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The Assembly proceeded to the Cause respecting the Brethren of the Presbytery of *Dumfermline*, and having caused to be called the six Ministers who had subscribed the Representation given in Yesterday, they all compar- ed; after which they were removed, and then were severally called in one by one, and asked, if they had any thing further to offer, before the Assembly should proceed to consider their Case, pursuant to the Resolution of the Assembly Yesterday. Mr. *Robert Stark* at *Torriburn* answered, that he hears there will be some further Accession to Mr. *Richardson* in the Parish of *Inverkeithing*, which if he finds to be such as may clear his Way, that will open his Eyes in that Matter. Mr. *Thomas Fernie* answered, that as Matters now stand, he has no Freedom to have an active Hand in the Settlement; what he may do in the case of a Change of Circumstances he could not say till that Change appears. Mr. *David Hunter* answered, that as there is no Alteration in the Case since Yesterday, as little can there be any Change in his Mind and Sentiments. If an agreeable Accession happen, it will be neither his Inclination or Interest to be backward. Mr. *Alexander Daling* answered, that he had nothing further to add. Mr. *John Spence*, that he chused to add nothing. Mr. *Thomas Gillespie* read at the Bar a Representation, expressing his Adherence to the Representation given in Yesterday, and said, that he had nothing further to add upon the Subject. Then, after Prayer for Light and Direction

rection to the Assembly in their Procedure and Decision of this Matter, it was put to the Vote, which of the six Brethren above-mentioned shall be deposed, in Pursuance of the Resolution of Yesterday; and the Roll being called, and Votes marked, it was carried, Mr. *Thomas Gillespie*. And therefore the General Assembly did, and hereby do, in the Name of the LORD JESUS CHRIST, the sole King and Head of the Church, and by virtue of the Power and Authority committed by him to them, DEPOSE Mr. *Thomas Gillespie*, Minister at *Carnock*, from the Office of the holy Ministry, prohibiting and discharging him to exercise the same, or any Part thereof, within this Church in all Time coming; and the Assembly did, and hereby do declare, the Church and Parish of *Carnock* vacant from and after the Day and Date of this Sentence. Then the Assembly proceeded to consider the Case of the other Ministers Members of the said Presbytery of *Dumfermline*, and, without a Vote, came to the following Resolution, viz. They do hereby acquit Mr. *James Stoddart* Minister at *Culrofs*, in respect of his special Circumstances. They sustain the Excuse of Mr. *Robert Steedman* at *Beath* for not complying with the Appointment of this Assembly, and not comparing at the Bar Yesterday, in respect of his bad State of Health: And find, that Messrs. *James Thomson* at *Dumfermline*, *John Liston* at *Aberdour*, and *James Bathgate* at *Dalgettie*, did their Duty in attending at *Inverkeithing*, and shewing their Readiness to execute the Assembly's Orders in case there had been a Quorum, and the Assembly sustains the Excuses of the said Messrs. *Liston* and *Bathgate*, for not attending at the Bar of this Assembly; and because of the Declaration Yesterday emitted by Mr. *Robert Stark* at *Kinross* at the Bar, the Assembly pass from any Censure upon him for his Conduct hitherto. And the General Assembly taking to their Consideration the Case of the remaining five disobedient Brethren of the Presbytery of *Dumfermline* who have signed the Representation to this Assembly, and that, by the Deposition of Mr. *Thomas Gillespie* at *Carnock*, they not only have asserted the Authority of this supreme Court, but have inflicted upon him a Censure adequate to repeated Acts of Disobedience adhered to tenaciously when at the Bar; and that albeit the remaining Offenders may have deserved the same Censure, as being involved in the same Transgression, yet being desirous to mix Mercy and Lenity with their Judgment, do therefore remit to the Presbytery of *Dumfermline* to settle and admit the said Mr. *Andrew Richardson* as Minister of the Parish of *Inverkeithing*, on or before the 18th Day of *June* next to come, and ordain an exact List of the Ministers who shall be present on that Day, for the Effect foresaid, to be made up and entered into the

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Minutes of the Presbytery, with such Excuses as may be made by any of them who shall happen to be absent; and the Assembly impowers and requires the Synod of *Fife*, at their first Meeting after the said Admission, to consider the said Excuses, and either to sustain or reject the same; and the General Assembly hereby suspends such of those who shall be absent, and shall not send Excuses from and after the Day of the said Admission, and such of them whose Excuses shall be rejected by the said first Meeting of the Synod after the Admission, from and after the Date of such Sentence of the Synod, from the Exercise of their Offices in all Presbyteries, Synods and General Assemblies, ay and until they shall *respectively* testify their Sorrow for their Disobedience to the Acts and Ordinances of the General Assembly, either to their own Presbytery or Synod, or to any Assembly or Commission thereof, upon entering of which into the Minutes of the Presbytery, Synod or Commission, they are impowered and required to take off this Sentence of Suspension, and to repon them or any of them *respectively* to the full Exercise of their Office in their judicative Capacity; and it is hereby declared, that it shall be competent for any Member of the said Synod to dissent from the Judgment of the Synod, sustaining or rejecting the Excuses offered, and that such Dissent shall be a sufficient Foundation for reviewing that Sentence in the ensuing General Assembly. And the Ministers above named of the said Presbytery of *Dumfermline* being called, and all of them compearing, the foresaid Sentence of Deposition was pronounced and intimated in the Words before mentioned to the said Mr. *Thomas Gillespie* by the Moderator from the Chair, and the foresaid Judgment and Resolutions of the Assembly, with respect to the other Brethren were likewise intimated to them; and it being represented to the Assembly, that the next ordinary Meeting of the Presbytery of *Dumfermline* is to be held on the first *Wednesday* of *June*, the General Assembly appoint the said Presbytery, at that Meeting, to fix the particular Day for the Admission of the said Mr. *Richardson* at *Inverkeithing*. In pursuance of this Act and Appointment, which being also intimated to the Parties at the Bar, Promoters of Mr. *Richardson's* said Settlement, Mr. *Archibald Murray* Advocate, in their Name, took Instruments thereupon in the Clerk's Hands.

V.

Commission to some Ministers and Ruling Elders for Reformation of the Highlands and Islands, and for managing his Majesty's Royal Bounty for that End.

Edinburgh, 23d May 1752. Sess. 9.

THE General Assembly do hereby nominate commissionerate and appoint the Reverend Mr. Patrick Cuming, one of the Ministers of Edinburgh, their Moderator; Mr. Thomas Tullideph, Principal of St. Leonard's College at St. Andrews; Mr. James Muirison Principal of the New College there, Mr. Neil Campbell Principal of the College of Glasgow; Mr. William Wishart Principal of the College of Edinburgh; Mr. John Lumisden Professor of Divinity in the King's College of Aberdeen; Mr. John Gowdie Professor of Divinity in the University of Edinburgh; Mr. Matthew Stewart Professor of Mathematics therein; Mr. William Gusthart at Edinburgh, Mr. Robert Wallace there, Mr. James Wetherpoon at Tesler, his Majesty's Chaplains; Masters James Nisbet at Edinburgh, John Gutbrie at Ratho, John Matthison at Edinburgh, George Logan there, James Bannatyne there, George Fordice at Corsforthine, Robert Kinloch at Edinburgh, John Glen there, James Stevenson at Edinburgh, George Lindsay at North Leith, George Wishart at Edinburgh, Robert Hamilton there, William Aitken at South Leith, Alexander Webster at Edinburgh, Gilbert Hamilton at Cramond, William Bennet at Duddingston, Robert Walker at South Leith, George Kay at Westkirk, John Fardin at Edinburgh, Hugh Blair at Canongate, Alexander Bryce at Kirknewton, John Hyndman at Westkirk, John Johnston in the Castle of Edinburgh, James Craig at Currie, James Tair at Campvere, James Mackie at St Ninians, William Walker at Mackerston, James Oswald at Methven, Charles Bannatyne at Irvine, Alexander Campbell at Weem, James Brodie at Latheron, James Gillespie at Dumbarnie, Donald MacQueen at Kilmuir, John MacPherson at Slait, Theodore Gordon at Kinnethmont, Alexander Gordon at Kintore, Lawrence Gillespie at Auchtermuchty, Malcolm MacCaskill at Kilmalie, Martin MacPherson at Glenelg, David Campbell at South End, John Skeldoch at Farr, William Campbell

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Campbel at *Kilchreennan*, *John Reid* at *Orphir*, *Neil Bethune* at *Kennoway*, *George Logan* at *Ormiston*, *Alexander Carlyle* at *Inveresk*, *Alexander MacBean* at *Inverness*, and *James Fraser* at *Alnes*. Ministers; His Grace *James Duke of Athole*, *Archibald Duke of Argyle*, the most Honourable the Marquis of *Lothian*, the Right Honourable the Earl of *Leven*, the Right Honourable the Lord *Somerville*, the Right Honourable *Robert Dundas* of *Arniston*, Esq; Lord President of the Court of Session, the Right Honourable *William Grant* of *Prestongrange* his Majesty's Advocate, *Charles Erskine* of *Tinwald*, Esq; Lord Justice Clerk, *Hew Dalrymple* of *Drumore*, Esq; *Patrick Grant* of *Elchies*, Esq; *John Sinclair* of *Murkle*, Esq; *Patrick Boyle* of *Shewalton*, Esq; four of the Senators of the College of Justice; *George Drummond*, Esq; Lord Provost of *Edinburgh*, Mr. *Robert Pringle* Advocate, Mr. *Andrew Pringle* Advocate, Mr. *Robert Dundas* younger of *Arniston* Advocate, Mr. *Gilbert Elliot* younger of *Minto*, the Honourable the Master of *Ross*, Mr. *Patrick Haldane* of *Beacrofts* one of his Majesty's Solicitors; Mr. *John Craigie Stewart* depute of *Zetland*, Mr. *Alexander Home* of *Eccles*, one of his Majesty's Solicitors; *Colin Campbel* of *Kilbride*, Esq; one of the Commissioners of his Majesty's Customs, Sir *John Clerk* of *Pennycuik*, one of the Barons of Exchequer; Sir *Archibald Grant* of *Monymusk* Baronet, the Right Honourable the Lord *Napier*, Mr. *Alexander MacMillan* of *Dunmore* Writer to the Signet, Mr. *Archibald Campbel* of *Succoth*, *Hector MacLean* of *Torloisk*, Mr. *David Dalrymple* Advocate Procurator for the Church; *Robert MacIntosh* Agent for the Church; Mr. *William Haldewell* Preacher of the Gospel, *John Baillie* Writer to the Signet; *John Mait* of *Inverkeiler*, Esq; one of the Barons of Exchequer, Mr. *James Erskine* Advocate, *John Osburn* late Provost of *Edinburgh*, Mr. *James Stewart* Merchant and late Baillie of *Edinburgh*, Mr. *Joseph Williamson* Advocate, Mr. *James Davidson* of *Hatree*, *Albert Munro* of *Conl*, Mr. *John Stewart* of *Allanbank*, *James White* of *Overstockbridge*, Esq; *John Brown* Merchant, and one of the present Bailies of *Edinburgh*, and *John Paton* Bookseller in *Edinburgh*, Ruling Elders; TO be a Committee of this Assembly, for Reformation of the Highlands and Islands of *Scotland*, for promoting the Knowledge of true Religion, suppressing of Popery and Profaneness, and for managing the Royal Bounty given for these Ends, according to, and in Terms of his Majesty's Grant to this Assembly, and the fifth Act of last Assembly, and whole Acts therein mentioned, and in Acts formerly made and referred to, in the Commissions granted to former Committees; any five of the above-named Persons are declared to a *Quorum*, whereof three to be Ministers: But it is hereby appointed, That, at the quarterly

quarterly Meeting of the said Committee, when the Scheme or Establishment of Missionaries, for the Year ensuing, shall be approved and determined, nine Ministers and five Ruling Elders, at least, shall be a *Quorum*; and the said Committee are appointed to have their Meetings at *Edinburgh*, in the Hall of the Society in *Scotland*, for propagating Christian Knowledge, the last *Thursday* of every Month, at Three of the Clock Afternoon, and also the first lawful Day after the Adjournment of the four stated Diets of the Commission of the General Assembly, at Ten of the Clock Forenoon, except when it falls to be upon *Friday* or *Saturday*, and then the Meeting is to be upon *Monday* next thoreafter, at the said Hour; with Power to the said Committee to adjourn themselves to such Times and Places as they shall find molt needful and convenient; and they are to keep a Correspondence with the Commission of the General Assembly, and the Society for propagating Christian Knowledge, and their Committee of Directors, and take their Advice and Assistance. And the General Assembly do, by these Presents, nominate and appoint the said Mr. *David Dalrymple* Advocate, Procurator for the Church, to be Receiver of the foresaid Royal Bounty, and to pay out the same as he shall be directed and ordered by the said Committee, and according to their Rules. And the said Committee are appointed to examine the Accompts of the Distribution of the Royal Bounty, and lay the same before the Lords Commissioners of his Majesty's Treasury, or the Barons of his Majesty's Court of Exchequer, and to report their Diligence to the General Assembly, to whom they are to be accountable. And it is agreed, that no Person once employed, and insert in the Scheme, shall be struck out thereof for that Year, but by the *Quorum* of at least nine Ministers and five Ruling Elders: And in case any Complaint shall be made against any of them on the Scheme, it shall not be determined at the first ordinary Meeting that the same is offered, but shall ly on the Table till another Meeting; and, in the mean Time, the Person complained of, and the Presbytery of the Bounds wherein he officiates, shall be acquainted of such Complaint, and these concerned be required to send to the said Committee a just Account of the Matter, against their next Meeting. And it is further appointed, That, after the yearly Scheme of Missionaries on the Royal Bounty is settled in Manner above directed, and Notice thereof given by Letters to the Presbyteries concerned, such Presbyteries shall send up to the said Committee their Answers to these Letters, at farthest, with their Commissioners to the General Assembly, if the same be not done sooner; and that the Committee, at their Meeting in *May*, shall name a Sub-committee of their Number, for preparing the next Year's Scheme, who are to lay their Draught thereof before a subsequent Meeting.

VI.

*Commission to some Ministers and Ruling Elders, for discussing Affairs referred to them.**Edinburgh, May 25th 1752, Sess. ult.*

TH E General Assembly considering that there are divers Affairs which they cannot overtake, do hereby nominate, commissionate and appoint the Reverend Mr. *Patrick Cuming* one of the Ministers of *Edinburgh*, their Moderator; and from the Presbytery of *Annan*, Mr. *Alexander Orr* at *Hoddam*, Mr. *James Gant* at *Gratney*, Ministers; Mr. *Robert Dalrymple* Writer to the Signet, Ruling Elder: Burgh of *Annan*, *John Johnstoun* Provost thereof. From the Presbytery of *Langholm*, Mr. *James MacGarroch* at *Esksdalemuir*, Mr. *Robert Petrie* at *Canonbee*, Ministers; *Matthew Irvine* Merchant in *Langholm* Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Lochmaben*, Mr. *Gabriel Gulan* at *Drydale*, Mr. *James Lindsay* at *Lochmaben*, Mr. *David Imrie* at *St. Mungo*, Ministers; *Peter Haliday* in *Barnstimpson* Ruling Elder: Burgh of *Lochmaben*, Mr. *James Erskine* Advocate: From the Presbytery of *Penpont*, Mr. *William Moodie* at *Glencairn*, Mr. *John Irvine* at *Sanguhar*, Ministers; *James Orr* Clerk of *Sanguhar* Ruling Elder: Burgh of *Sanguhar*, the Honourable *Patrick Boyle* of *Shewalton* Esq; one of the Senators of the College of Justice: From the Presbytery of *Dumfries*, Mr. *Andrew Beveridge* at *Carlawrock*, Mr. *John Ewart* at *Troqueer*, Mr. *James Hog* at *Kirkbean*, Ministers; the Right Honourable *Charles Erskine* of *Tinwald* Lord Justice Clerk: Burgh of *Dumfries*, *James Gilchrist* Merchant there. From the Presbytery of *Kirkcudbright*, Mr. *John Lamont* at *Kelton*, Mr. *Peter Torston* at *Kells*, Mr. *David Forbes* at *Borg*, Ministers; *Robert Nasmyth* younger of *Earlsbaugh* Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Wigton*, Mr. *Edward Boyd* at *Wigton*, Mr. *James Maitland* at *Sorbie*, Ministers; *William Hanna* of *Kirkdale* Ruling Elder: Burgh of *Wigton* Doctor *Alexander Martine* of *Little Airies* Physician: Burgh of *Whithorn*, *Hugh Hathorn* Merchant and late Dean of Guild of *Edinburgh*: From the Presbytery of *Stranrauer*, Mr. *John Dickson* at *Newluce*, Mr. *Thomas Mutter* at *Lefwalt*, Ministers; Dr. *James Dalrymple* of *Dunraggat*, Ruling Elder: From the Burgh of *Stranrauer*,

Stranrawer, Mr. Andrew MacDowal of Kingseat, Advocate: From the Presbytery of Air, Mr. William Coats at Dalmellinton, Mr. Hugh Hamilton at Garvine, Mr. William Auld at Machline, Mr. William Walker at Monkton, Mr. Andrew Mitchell at Muirkirk, Ministers; Mr. Alexander Boswel of Auchinleck, Advocate, and Mr. David Dalrymple Procurator for the Church, Ruling Elders: From the Presbytery of Irvine, Mr. John Montgomery at Stewarton, Mr. Robert Hall at Kilmarnock, Mr. Charles Bannatyne at Irvine, Ministers; Baillie William Gilchrist at Kilmarnock, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of Paisley, Mr. Robert Patoun at Renfrew, Mr. Peter Scot at Paisley, Mr. James Hamilton there, Ministers; Provost William Somerville, Ruling Elder: Burgh of Renfrew, Mr. Archibald Campbell younger of Succoth: From the Presbytery of Hamilton, Mr. John Muirhead at Glasgow, Mr. John Currie at East-monkland, Mr. Robert Bell at Strathaven, Ministers; Mr. William Gilmore Probationer, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of Lanerk, Mr. Thomas Linning at Lesmahago, Mr. James Porteous at Wistoun, Mr. John Bradefute at Dunfyre, Ministers; Mr. James White of Overstackbridge, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of Glasgow, Mr. William Maxwell at Rutherglen, Mr. John Oughterson at Cumbernauld, Mr. William Bell at Campsie, Ministers; Richard Allan Merchant in Glasgow, Ruling Elder: City of Glasgow, John Murdoch, one of the present Bailties thereof; University of Glasgow, Mr. Neil Campbell Principal thereof: From the Presbytery of Dumbarton, Mr. Andrew Gray at Newkilpatrick, Mr. Andrew Duncanson at Roseneath, Mr. John Colquhoun at Badernock, Ministers; John Robison of Boghall, Ruling Elder: Burgh of Dumbarton, Mr. James Smollet of Bonhill Advocate: From the Presbytery of Dunoon, Mr. James Stewart at Kingarth, Mr. Alexander Lamont at Kilsnan, Ministers; Duncan Campbell of Southball, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of Kintyre, Mr. David Campbell at Southend, Mr. Gershom Stewart at Kilbride in Arran; Mr. Alexander MacMillan of Dunmore Writer to the Signet, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of Inverary, Mr. Patrick Pollock at Southknapdale, Mr. Donald Campbell at Northknapdale, Ministers; Colin Campbell of Kirkbride Esq; one of the Commissioners of his Majesty's Customs, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of Lorn, Mr. James Stewart at Kilbranden, Mr. William Campbell at Kilchrennan, Ministers; Patrick Campbell of Monzie, Esq; Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of Mull, Mr. Lauchlan Campbell at Ardnamurchan, Mr. Archibald MacTavish at Torafay, Ministers; Hector MacLean of Torloisk, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of Dunkeld, Mr. Alexander MacLagan

at Little Dunkeld, Mr. Alexander Stewart at Blair Athol, Mr. Alexander Campbell at Weem, Mr. John Macduff at Lethendie, Ministers; His Grace James Duke of Athol, Robert MacIntosh Agent for the Church, Ruling Elders: From the Presbytery of Perth, Mr. James Oswald at Methven, Mr. Charles Fut at Kinfauns, Mr. Patrick Bannerman at Kinnoul, Mr. James Gillespie at Dumbarnie, Ministers; Mr. Robert Craigie of Glendoig, Advocate, and John Belchies of Innermay, Ruling Elders: From the Presbytery of Stirling, Mr. James Mackie at St. Ninians, Mr. James Turnbull at Denny, Ministers; George Abercrombie younger of Tillibodie, Esq; Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of Auchterarder, Mr. Andrew Ramsay at Maderty, Mr. Donald Munro at Monzie, Mr. James Reid at Glendovan, Ministers; Mr. James Graham of Damside, Writer to the Signet, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of Dumblane, Mr. Andrew Turnbull at Kippen, Mr. James Stewart at Gallendar, Ministers; Sir James Campbell of Aberuchil, Baronet, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of Dumfermline, Mr. John Liston at Aberdour, Mr. James Thomson at Dumfermline, Mr. James Bathgate at Dalgetie, Ministers; Sir George Preston of Valleyfield, Ruling Elder: Burgh of Dumfermline, David Turnbull Merchant in Dumfermline; From the Presbytery of Kirkcaldy Mr. Robert Spears at Burntisland Mr. David Marshal at Kirkcaldy, Mr. George Gib at Abbotshal, Ministers; John Simson of Brunton, Esq; Ruling Elder: Burgh of Kirkcaldy, Doctor Robert White of Bennochie: Burgh of Dysart, Mr. John Sinclair of Balgregie: Burgh of Kinghorn, Mr. Gilbert Elliot of Lochgelly, Advocate; From the Presbytery of Coupar, Mr. William Smibert at Kilmenie, Mr. John Mathie at Collesie, Mr. George Simson at Falkland, Mr. Lawrence Gillespie at Auchtermuchty, Ministers; the Right Honourable the Earl of Leven, and Mr. Marshal of Kilkernie, Ruling Elders: Burgh of Coupar, Mr. James Leslie of Milldeans, Advocate: From the Presbytery of St. Andrews Mr. James Murison Principal of the New College at St. Andrews, Mr. James Walker at Leuchars, Mr. David Beath at Pittenweem Mr. Joseph Pitcairn at Carnbie, Ministers; Mr. James Anderson Advocate, and Baillie Robert Waddel Shipbuilder in Kilrennie, Ruling Elders: University of St. Andrews, Mr. David Young Professor of Philology therein: From the Presbytery of Meigle, Mr. James Lyon at Blairgourie, Mr. Alexander Scot at Kingoldrum, Mr. David Thomson at Airly, Ministers; John Murray of Lintrose, Esq; Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of Forfar, Mr. James Donaldson at Glammis, Mr. George Nicol at Kinnetles, Ministers; James Carnegie of Finhaven, Esq; Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of Dundee, Mr. David Maxwell at Strathmartin,
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Mr. George Lyon at Longforgan, Mr. William Dall at Monifeith, Ministers; William Morison of Naughton, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of Aberbrothwick, Mr. Robert Preston at Arbirlot, Mr. James Purdie at Guthrie, Ministers; the Honourable Mr. John Maul of Inverkeillor, one of the Barons of Exchequer, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of Brichen, Mr. James Beattie at Marytown, Mr. George Wilson at Kinnaird, Mr. David Ferguson at Farnwell, Ministers; James Bisset Merchant in Montrose, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of Fordoun, Mr. Robert Young at Benholm, Mr. James Walker at Dunnotar, Mr. Alexander Forbes at Fetteresso, Ministers; Arthur Straiton of Kirkside, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of Aberdeen, Mr. John Lumisden Professor of Divinity in the King's College of Aberdeen, Mr. Arthur Mitchell at Kinnellar, Mr. George Abercrombie at Footdee, Mr. Robert Pollock Professor of Divinity in the Marischal College of Aberdeen, Ministers; the Right Honourable William Grant of Prestongrange, Esq; his Majesty's Advocate, Alexander Robertson of Glasgow, late Provost of Aberdeen, Ruling Elders: King's College, Mr. George Gordon Professor of Oriental Languages therein: From the Presbytery of Kincardin-O-Neil, Mr. John MacInnes at Craithie, Mr. Francis Downie at Lumphannan, Mr. William MacKenzie at Glenmuck, Ministers; Sir Arthur Forbes of Craigievar, Bart. Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of Alford, Mr. John Lumisden at Strathdon, Mr. Theodore Gordon at Kinnethmont, Mr. Francis Adam at Cushney, Ministers; Alexander Redford Merchant in Clatt, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of Ellon, Mr. Andrew Moir at Ellon, Mr. John Rose at Logie, Ministers; George Clark in Slains, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of Garioch, Mr. Alexander Simson at Monymusk, Mr. Alexander Turing at Oyne, Mr. Alexander Gordon at Kintore, Ministers; the Right Honourable Hew Dalrymple of Drumore, one of the Senators of the College of Justice, Ruling Elder: Burgh of Kintore, Mr. Thomas Dundas younger of Fingask: From the Presbytery of Deer, Mr. Robert Garden at St. Fergus, Mr. James Walker at Peterhead, Mr. William Taylor at New-Deer, Ministers; the Right Honourable the Lord Strichen, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of Turreff, Mr. Andrew Ker at Turreff, Mr. William Moir at Fyvie, Ministers; George Ironside in Parish of Alvah, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of Fordyce, Mr. Walter Morison at Deskford, Mr. James Ogilvie at Ordiquhil, Ministers; Mr. Robert Pringle Advocate, Ruling Elder: Burgh of Cullen, Alexander Grant of Tochyneil: Burgh of Inverury, Sir Archibald Grant of Monymusk: From the Presbytery of Strathbogie, Mr. Patrick Gordon at Belly, Mr. Alexander Chalmers at Glass, Ministers;

sters; *Thomas Grant* of *Achoynanie*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Aberlour*, *Mr. Hugh Grant* at *Knockando*, *Mr. James Gray* at *Rothex*, Ministers; the Right Honourable *Patrick Grant* of *Elchies*, one of the Senators of the College of Justice, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Abernethy*, *Mr. Patrick Grant* at *Duthil*, *Mr. Patrick Grant* at *Cromdale*, Ministers; *Mr. John Grant* younger of *Elchies*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Elgin*, *Mr. Alexander Murray* of *Birnie*, *Mr. Alexander Murray* at *Duffus*, Ministers; *Bailie Robert Grant*, Merchant in *Elgin*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Forrefts*, *Mr. Robert Dunbar* at *Dyke*, *Mr. William Baron* at *Ardclach*, Ministers; *John Dunbar* at *Bennagicht*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Inverness*, *Mr. Alexander MacBean* at *Inverness*, *Mr. Robert Thomson* at *Kirkhill*, Ministers; *John Baillie* Writer to the Signet, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Chanonry*, *Mr. Alexander Fraser* at *Avoch*, *Mr. Hector MacPhail* at *Culicudden*, Ministers; *Robert Gordon* of *Haughs*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Tain*, *Mr. John Porteous* at *Kilmuir-easter*, *Mr. Gilbert Robertson* at *Kincardine*, Ministers; the Honourable *William Master* of *Rose*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Dingwal*, *Mr. James Fraser* at *Alnes*, *Mr. John MacLennan* at *Contin*, Ministers; *Albert Monro* of *Coul*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Abertarph*, *Mr. Thomas Fraser* at *Boleskine*, *Mr. Malcom MacCaskil* at *Kilmalie*, Ministers; *Sir Ludovick Grant* of *Grant*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Skye*, *Mr. John MacPherson* at *Slait*, *Mr. Donald MacQueen* at *Kilmuir*, Ministers; *Alexander MacLeod* of *Olinish*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Lewis*, *Mr. John Clark* at *Stornavoy*, *Mr. Normand Morison* at *Vig*, Ministers: From the Presbytery of *Vist*, *Mr. Lauchlan MacLean* at *Bara*, *Mr. John MacAulay* at *South-Vist*, Ministers: From the Presbytery of *Gairloch*, *Mr. John MacLean* at *Kintail*, *Mr. Martin MacPherson* at *Glenelg*, Ministers; *Murdo MacKenzie* of *Letterew* Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Dornoch*, *Mr. William Rose* at *Loth*, *Mr. Francis Robertson* at *Clyne*, Ministers: From the Presbytery of *Tong*, *Mr. Walter Ross* at *Tong*, *Mr. John Skeldoch* at *Farr*, Ministers; *Captain George MacKay* of *Skiho* Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Caithness*, *Mr. James Brodie* at *Latheron*, *Mr. Alexander Pope* at *Reay*, Ministers; *Mr. William Halawel* Preacher of the Gospel, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Kirkwal*, *Mr. John Yule* at *Kirkwal*, *Mr. Hugh Mouat* at *Evie*, Ministers; *Robert Sutherland* Physician in *Kirkwal* Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Cairston*, *Mr. James Tyrie* at *Stromness*, *Mr. John Reid* at *Orphir*, Ministers; *Mr. Andrew Ross* Factor

for the Earl of Morton, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of North-Isles, Mr. Andrew Cowan at Westray, Mr. Matthew Cleghorn at Rousay, Ministers; Jerom Dennison of Noutland Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of Zetland, Mr. John Barclay at Delting, Mr. Thomas Miller at Lerwick, Ministers; John Craigie, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of Edinburgh, Mr. George Fordice at Corstorphine, Mr. Robert Hamilton at Edinburgh, Mr. Gilbert Hamilton at Cramond, Mr. William Bennet at Duddingston, Mr. George Kay at Westkirk, Mr. John Hyndman there, Ministers; the Right Honourable Robert Dundas of Arniston, Esq; Lord President of the Court of Session, Mr. James Davidson of Haltree, John Brown Merchant and one of the present Baillies of Edinburgh, Ruling Elders: City of Edinburgh, George Drummond Esq; Present Lord Provost thereof, and James Ker Deacon Conveener of the Trades thereof: University of Edinburgh, Mr. John Gowdie Professor of Divinity therein: Church of Campvere, Mr. James Tair Minister, Archibald Mac Aulay, Esq; Lord Conservator of the Scots Privileges therein: From the Presbytery of Linlithgow, Mr. John Lookup at Mid-Calder, Mr. John Wilkie at Uphal, Mr. William Hastie at Slamannan, Mr. Thomas Wardrop at Bathgate, Ministers; the Right Honourable the Lord Napier, the Honourable Charles Hope-vere of Craigiehall, Ruling Elders; Burgh of Linlithgow, Mr. James Dundas of Philpstoun Advocate: From the Presbytery of Biggar, Mr. Patrick Hepburn at Welston, Mr. William Tait at Kilbucho, Ministers; John Gladesstones Heretor in Biggar, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of Peebles, Mr. Christopher Cairns at Tweedsmuir, Mr. Alexander Davidson at Traquair, Ministers; Charles Hamilton of Spittlehaugh, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of Dalkeith, Mr. Patrick Simson at Fala, Mr. Alexander Carlyle at Inverask, Mr. George Logan at Ormiston, Ministers; Mr. Robert Dundas younger of Arnistoun, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of Haddingtoun, Mr. Patrick Wilkie at Haddingtoun, Mr. James Witherspoon at Tester, Mr. Hugh Bannatyne at Dirlston, Ministers; Mr. William Law of Elvingston Advocate, Ruling Elder: Burgh of North Berwick, Richard Anderson of Windigoul: From the Presbytery of Dunbar, Mr. Alexander Pyot at Dunbar, Mr. David Spence at Cockburnspath, Ministers; Mr. Alexander Hamilton of Pancaitland, Ruling Elder: Burgh of Dunbar, Mr. Alexander Home of Eccles one of his Majesty's Solicitors: From the Presbytery of Dunse, Mr. William Home at Fogo, Mr. Matthew Sandilands-Dysart at Eccles, Ministers: Bailie David Cockburn in Langtoun, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of Chirnside, Mr. William Wilson at Coldstream, Mr. James Al-

lan at Eymouth, Mr. John Tod at Ladykirk, Ministers; Mr. John Swinton younger of That-ilk Advocate, Ruling Elder; From the Presbytery of Kelfo, Mr. Thomas Pollock at Ednam, Mr. William Walker at MacKerston, Ministers; John Dawson of Harpertoun, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of Jedburgh, Mr. James Winchester at Jedburgh, Mr. James Simson at Wilton, Mr. Alexander Glen at Kirkton, Ministers; the most Honourable the Marquis of Lothian, Ruling Elder: Burgh of Jedburgh, Mr. Thomas Calderwood of Polton: From the Presbytery of Earlston, Mr. Alexander Duncan at Smalholm, Mr. David Duncan at Stow, Ministers; Mr. Robert Kennedy of Greenknow, Advocate, Ruling Elder: Burgh of Lauder, Mr. Charles Binning of Pilmore, Advocate: From the Presbytery of Selkirk, Mr. James Mason at St. Boswells, Mr. William Brown at Maxton, Ministers; Mr. Andrew Pringle, Advocate, Ruling Elder; with his Grace Archibald Duke of Argyle, the most Honourable John Marquis of Tweeddale, the Right Honourable James Earl of Morton, the Right Honourable John Earl of Breadalbine, the Right Honourable Sir Gilbert Elliot of Minto, Mr. John Sinclair of Murkle, two of the Senators of the College of Justice, Sir John Clerk of Pennycook Baronet, one of the Barons of Exchequer, Ruling Elders; To be Commissioners of this General Assembly, to the Effects after mentioned, with Power to the said Commissioners, or their Quorum, which is hereby declared to be any Thirty-one of the said Commissioners, whereof Twenty-one are always to be Ministers, to meet and convene within the Assembly-house at Edinburgh, the first Day after the Dissolution of this Assembly, at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon, and thereafter the first Wednesday of August, and fourth Wednesdays of November and March next to come, and oftner, when and where they shall think fit and convenient; with Power to the said Commissioners to chuse their own Moderator: And likewise the General Assembly fully impowers their said Commissioners, or their Quorum above-mentioned, to cognosce and finally determine, as they shall see Cause, in every Matter referred or that shall be referred to them, by any Act or Order of this Assembly, and to do every thing contained in, and conform to the Instructions given or to be given by this Assembly; and to advert to the Interest of the Church on every Occasion, that the Church, and present Establishment thereof do not suffer, or sustain any Prejudice which they can prevent, as they will be answerable; Providing always, that this general Clause be not extended to particular Affairs, or Processes before Synods or Presbyteries, that are not of universal Concern to, or Influence upon the whole Church. And it is hereby appoint-

appointed, that no private Processes be determined, except at the four stated Diets; and what shall be determined at one Diet of the Commission, with relation to private Causes, shall be unalterable by any other Diet thereof, and shall stand and continue in Force 'till disapproved by the General Assembly. And the General Assembly renews the Instructions given by the General Assembly in the Year one thousand seven hundred and seventeen, to their Commission, and appoints the same to stand in full Force, as Instructions to the Commissioners before named, and to be observed by them in all Points, as if the same were specially here insert: And that they inquire into the publishing and spreading of Books and Pamphlets, tending towards the promoting of Opinions of whatever Kind, inconsistent with our *Confession of Faith*; and that the Recommenders of such Books or Pamphlets, or the Errors therein contained, whether by Word, Writ, or Print, be called before the said Commission to answer for the same. And further, the said Commission is hereby impowered to receive any References and Appeals that shall be made to them from Synods, in Matters of Doctrine, and ripen such Affairs for the General Assembly, and to contribute what they can to the suppressing of Vice and Immorality; and give all needful Advice and Assistance to Synods and Presbyteries, upon Application to them for that End: Likeways to take care that the Impressions of the *Holy Scriptures*, the *Confession of Faith*, and *Catechisms*, and such Books as are authorized by this Church, relating to the Doctrine, Worship, Discipline and Government thereof, be correct, and give Directions about printing the same. And the said Commission are appointed and impowered to keep a Correspondence with the Committee for Reformation of the *Highlands and Islands* for suppressing Popery and Superstition, and for promoting the Knowledge of true Religion, and carrying on a Reformation in these Parts, and give Assistance and Concurrence therein; and, if Need be, to apply to the Government for a proper Remedy and speedy Redress. And the said Commissioners are hereby strictly prohibited and discharged to meddle in any other Matters than what are committed and referred to them, as above mentioned: And, in all their Actings, they are to proceed according to the Acts and Constitution of this Church, and to do nothing contrary thereto, or to the Prejudice of the same; declaring, that in, and for all their Actings, they shall be accountable to, and censurable by the next General Assembly, as they shall see Cause: And this Commission is to continue and endure until another Commission be appointed; and Members are required to attend the Diets of the said Commission, and Absents therefrom ordered to be noticed, according to the

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17th Act of the General Assembly, held in the Year One thousand seven hundred and six; and for the better securing of a *Quorum*, and Attendance of Members on the Commission, the General Assembly prohibits the Presbytery of *Edinburgh*, or any other Presbytery within twelve Miles thereof, to meet any of the Days or Weeks appointed for the Meeting of this Commission; and such of the Members of these Presbyteries as are on the Commission are required, all of them, to give Attendance on the Diets thereof; and the Presbyteries at a greater Distance, who have four or more Members on the Commission, are to take care that at least two of them attend each Diet of the same; and the Assembly appoint their Commission, at their first Meeting, to discuss as many of the Causes and Questions, relative to the Settlement of vacant Churches, which are, or shall be referred to them by the Assembly, as they can overtake. And it is further provided, That when any Presbytery or Synod of this Church shall decline to comply with the Sentences of the Commission, or to give the same a full Execution, in that Case, the Commission is hereby prohibited to execute the same, by appointing any such correspondent Meetings, as has been sometimes the Practice; but shall allow the same to ly over to the ensuing Assembly, to which such Presbyteries or Synods shall be answerable for such their Conduct, and are hereby appointed to send up with their Commissioners their Reasons for the same. And the Assembly doth further empower and direct the said Commission to make due Application to the King and Parliament for Redress of the Grievance of Patronage, in case a favourable Opportunity for so doing shall occur, during the Subsistence of this Commission. And the General Assembly do enjoin their Commission, that in passing their Sentences, and in ordering the Execution of the same, they strictly observe the 12th Act of the Assembly 1736.



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VII.

ACT concerning Presbyteries neglecting to send up their Opinions upon Overtures transmitted to them.*Edinburgh, May 25th 1752, Sess. ult.*

THE General Assembly considering that a great many Presbyteries neglect to send up their Opinions concerning Overtures transmitted to them, whereby the Consideration, and enacting of several Overtures, hath been postponed; do hereby enact, That when any Overture hath been twice transmitted, the General Assembly will, without further Transmission, take such Overtures into Consideration, and pass into Acts, or reject the same as they shall see Cause, although Presbyteries have not sent up their Opinions.

VIII.

ACT regulating the Meetings of Synods in respect of the late Act of Parliament changing the Kalendar.*Edinburgh, May 25th 1752, Sess. ult.*

THE General Assembly, in respect of a late Act of Parliament changing the Kalendar, appoints, that the Synods which usually met on the first *Tuesday of April or October*, shall meet on the second *Tuesday* of these Months, according to the New Stile; that those who have been in use to meet on the second *Tuesday* of the said Months, shall meet on the third *Tuesday* New Stile, and so of the rest, advancing a Week in the Denomination of the Days, whatever Month or Week of that Month any of the Synods have been in use to meet in; and such Synods as have already adjourned, shall have their next Meeting according to the above Appointment.

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IX.

ACT appointing the Diet of the next General Assembly.

Edinburgh, May 25th 1752, Sess. ult.

THE next General Assembly of this National Church is appointed to be held in this Place, upon the fourth *Thursday* of *May* next, being the 24th Day of that Month, in the Year 1753.

Collected and extracted from the Records of the General Assembly by

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OVERTURE for regulating the Effect of Dissents from Judgments of inferior Courts.

Edinburgh, May 25th 1752, Sess. ult.



HERE was transmitted to the General Assembly from their Committee for Overtures, an Overture for regulating the Effect of Dissents, which was read as follows, *viz.* The General Assembly considering that the appearing of Dissenters against particular Judgments of inferior Courts, have created much Trouble to the superior Judicatories; for remedying thereof, in all Time coming, enact and ordain, That in all Causes litigated betwixt Parties before any inferior Judicatories, when Judgment is given in such Way, as one or more Members think themselves obliged to dissent, this shall give them no Title to appear before the superior Courts in Opposition to such Judgment, unless they be called upon to defend themselves against Censure, according to the Act of Assembly 1644, anent dissenting Voices. The General Assembly having heard the above Overture, do transmit the same to the several Presbyteries of this Church, that they may report their Opinion thereon to the next Assembly.

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Actings and Proceedings of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, held in the Year 1752, which are not printed at full Length.

AFTER Sermon by the Reverend Mr. *James Mackie*, Minister of the Gospel at *St. Ninians*, and Moderator of the last General Assembly, the Ministers and Ruling Elders, Members of this Assembly, did convene, and Dr. *Patrick Cuming*, one of the Ministers of *Edinburgh*, being chosen Moderator, he, at the Assembly's Desire took the Chair. *May 14th Sess. 1.*

The King's Commission to *Alexander* Earl of *Leven* to represent his Majesty's Royal Person in this Assembly, read and recorded. *Ibid.*

The King's most gracious Letter to this Assembly, read and recorded. *Ibid.*

The Commissioner's Speech at opening this Assembly, and the Moderator's Speech in return thereto. *Ibid.*

A Committee named to draw an Answer to the King's most gracious Letter. *Ibid.*

The King's Warrant for 1000 *l. Sterl.* as his Royal Bounty for encouraging itinerant Preachers and Catechists in the Highlands and Islands, given in by his Majesty's Commissioner, read and recorded. *Ibid.*

A Committee appointed to revise the Commissions to Members of this Assembly, censure Absents from the Diets of the Assembly, name Ministers to preach before his Grace the King's Commissioner, receive in Lists of Probationers in the several Presbyteries, in order to be recorded, and of Students of Divinity at the several Universities, and report. *Ibid.*

Committee for Overtures named. *Ibid.*

Committee for Bills, References and Appeals named. *Ibid.*

A Diet spent in Prayer. *May 15th Sess. 2.*

Ministers named to preach before his Grace the King's Commissioner. *Ibid.*

The Act 7th of the Assembly 1718, for the better Dispatch of the Business of Assembly, read, and the Observation thereof enjoined. *Ibid.*

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The Draught of an Answer to the King's most gracious Letter to this Assembly brought in and approved, and his Grace the Commissioner did undertake to transmit the same to his Majesty. *May 16th Sess. 3.*

The Report of the Committee for revising Commissions, containing their Remarks upon the Commissions from the Presbyteries of *Dunkeld, Inverary, Cairston, Inverness,* and *Caithness*, and Burghs of *Linlithgow* and *Dumbarton* brought in, and these Commissions sustained for this Time, with a Recommendation to the said Presbyteries and Burghs to be more careful in time coming in observing the Acts of Assembly, concerning the Election of Members. *Ibid.*

A Committee of Persons in each Synod appointed to revise the Register of the Actings and Proceedings of the Commission of the late General Assembly, audite the Procurator's and Agent's Accompts, consider the State of the Church's public Money, and prepare Overtures about the same, agreeable to the 7th Act of the General Assembly 1712, and 8th Act of Assembly 1719, and all Petitions and Claims for any Part of the said Money ordered to be laid before the said Committee, and they appointed to prepare any Overtures or References made by the late Commission to this Assembly. *Ibid.*

A Committee appointed to revise the Register of the Committee named by last Assembly for managing the Royal Bounty for Reformation of the Highlands and Islands. *Ibid.*

A Letter from the Protestant Church of *Breslaw* in *Silesia*, respecting the Collection made thro' *Scotland* for Relief of that Church, in pursuance of the General Assembly's Recommendation in *anno 1750*, produced, and remitted to the Committee for Overtures, that they may peruse the same, and report. *Ibid.*

Committees named to revise the Synod Books of *Galloway, Perth and Stirling, Orkney, Lothian and Tweeddale, Merse and Teviotdale*, and *Aberdeen*. *Ibid.*

The Synod Books of *Dumfries, Glasgow and Ayr, Argyle, Fife, Angus and Mearns, Moray, Ross, Glenelg, Sutherland and Caithness*, and Presbytery Book of *Zetland* absent, and resolved that the Reasons thereof be inquired into. *Ibid.*

The Committee for Overtures appointed to receive the Instructions from the several Presbyteries and Synods, consider the same, and report. *Ibid.*

A Petition and Complaint of the Patron and others of the Parish of *Inverkeithing*, against the Presbytery of *Dumfermling*, for not executing the Sentences of the last Assembly, and of the Commission in *November*, appointing them to settle Mr. *Andrew Richardson*, as Minister

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at *Inverkeithing*, and against the Synod of *Fife*, for not settling the said Mr. *Richardson*, according to an Appointment of the Commission in *March*, together with another Petition and Complaint of some Members of the Commission of last General Assembly, who had dissented from a Judgment of the Commission in *March* last, as having exceeded their Powers, brought in and read, and the Assembly agreed on *Monday* next, first to enter upon the Complaint against the Commission for having exceeded their Powers. *Ibid.*

A Committee appointed to revise the Synod Book of *Angus* and *Mearns*. *May* 18th *Sess.* 4.

The Report of the Commissioners appointed by the General Assembly 1750, to apply in their Name to the King and Parliament for the Purpose mentioned in their Commission, called for, produced and read, containing an Account of their Proceedings, as recited in their Letter to the last General Assembly, with what was done since that Time, and that at last their Affair was put off by the House of Commons near the End of the Session; the Faithfulness and Diligence of the said Commissioners approved of, and the Thanks of the Assembly returned to them for the Part they acted, as having done all in their Power in the important Affair committed to them. *Ibid.*

A Committee appointed to examine the Accompt of the Expence of the said Commissioners, and report. *Ibid.*

The Cause brought in on *Saturday* last, upon the several Petitions and Complaints against the Presbytery of *Dumfermline* and Commission of last General Assembly again called, the Commission in *March* found to have exceeded their Powers, and at the same Time not to have done what they were bound to do conform to the Powers given them by the last General Assembly. The Presbytery of *Dumfermline* appointed to meet at *Inverkeithing* upon *Thursday* next, at eleven o'Clock, and then and there to admit Mr. *Richardson* Minister of that Town and Parish, and all the Members of that Presbytery ordered to attend; that there be at least five Ministers, as a Quorum to execute this Appointment, and each Minister of that Presbytery required to appear at the Assembly's Bar on *Friday* next at twelve o'Clock, to give an Account of his Conduct in consequence of this Appointment; all the Members personally, or at their Dwelling-houses, to have the said Sentence notified to them, and the Ministers to be summoned to appear as above on *Friday* next, and the Clerks ordered to issue Warrants for summoning the Members of the said Presbytery to appear, and be present Time and Place and to the Effect before mentioned, and several Members of the Assembly entered their Dissent from the above Resolution. *Ibid.*

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A Petition and Complaint of the Patron, Heretors, and others of the Parish of *Terreagles*, Callers of Mr. *George Herron* Minister at *Island-MacGhie* in *Ireland*, to be their Minister, against the Presbytery of *Dumfries* for not obeying the Sentence of the Commission in *November* last, appointing them to proceed to the Settlement of Mr. *Herron* at *Terreagles* on the 20th of *February* thereafter, together with a Representation by the said Presbytery, containing their Reasons for delaying to execute the said Sentence of the Commission in *November*, until first they had a Conference with him. As also, the Procurator for certain Heritors and others of the said Parish, Opposers of Mr. *Herron's* Settlement, who had protested for Liberty to complain of the said Sentence of the Commission, heard, the Commission found not to have exceeded their Powers; and it being proposed that, before proceeding to Mr. *Herron's* Settlement, there should be a Conference held with him by the Presbytery, joined with some Ministers of the Synod, the Assembly appointed the Presbytery to proceed, without any Conference, to the Admission of Mr. *Herron* as Minister of *Terreagles*, betwixt and the 20th Day of *August* next; and the Commission empowered to determine in any Reference or Appeal that may be brought before them with respect to that Settlement. *May 19th Sess. 5.*

The Presbytery of *Dumfries* advised to give Notice to Mr. *Herron* of the above Appointment by writing both to himself and the Presbytery in *Ireland* to which he belongs. *Ibid.*

The Writings granted by the Trustees for managing the Estate of the deceased Lord *Reay* for 1500*l.* heretably secured at 4 and 1-half per Cent. upon the said Estate, in Consequence of an Order of the General Assembly 1750, the Interest whereof to be applied for the Maintenance of Ministers in the new erected Parishes in *Strathnaver*, produced by the Procurator for the Church, and a Committee named to revise the same. *May 20th Sess. 6.*

The Report of the Committee of Overtures with respect to the Letter remitted to them on *Saturday* last, brought in and read, bearing, their having read the said Letter, and also a Paper inclosed containing a Power granted by the Elders of the Church in *Breslaw* to Mr. *Finne*, to receive and grant Discharges for the Money collected in *Scotland* for their Behoof, as the same should be remitted to them by Messrs. *Hogg* and *Mansfield*; that the said Letter contains their thankful Acknowledgments for the liberal Collection made for them in this Church, of which they have received 1000*l.* together with some Account of what they have been enabled thereby to do: The Opinion of the Committee, that

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that what remains of the Money collected for the said Church at *Breslaw*, over and above what they have already got, be sent to them, agreeable to their own Desire mentioned in their forelaid Letter, approved, and a Committee named to answer the said Letter, and inspect the Accompts of Messrs. *Hogg* and *Mansfield*, in order to know the Extent of the Sum collected, and report to the Commission. *Ibid.*

An Appeal of *John Carruthers* of *Holmains*, Patron of the Parish of *Dalton*, from a Judgement of the Synod of *Dumfries*, finding two Sentences pronounced by the Presbytery of *Lochmaben* to be premature, the first dated 19th *December* last, sustaining a Presentation granted by him to Mr. *William Gullan* Probationer, to be Minister of the said Parish, and the other dated 3d of *March* there-after, refusing the desire of a Petition by several Parishioners for a Moderation at large, and remitting back to the Presbytery to proceed in this Cause, as if no such Interlocutors had been past, heard, with a Petition of the said Presbytery Appellants, from the above recited Judgement of the Synod; Mr. *James Lindsay* a Member of the said Presbytery also heard upon the subject Matter of his Complaint, and Dissent from their Proceedings, and the said Presbytery appointed to Moderate in a Call to the said Mr. *William Gullan* the Presentee alone, in order to his Settlement as Minister of *Dalton*, according to the Rules of the Church. *Ibid.*

Remit to the Committee for Overtures, to prepare and bring in an Overture for regulating the Effect of Dissents from the Sentences of Inferior Courts. *Ibid.*

The Committee appointed to revise the Accompts of the Commissioners to *London* from the General Assembly 1750, impowered to call for the Accompts of the Procurator and Agents for the Church; that upon seeing how far the Fund of the Church is, or may be burdened, by Processes already appointed to be carried on at the publick Expence, they may be enabled to prepare a full and particular Account of the State of the Church's Money in order to the laying down of a proper Method for paying off the Debrs on the publick Fund. *May* 21st *Sess.* 7th.

A Committee appointed to draw up, betwixt and the next Assembly, Rules for regulating the Method of Procedure in Causes before the General Assembly; and for this purpose to look over the standing Acts respecting this Matter, and by the help of these, and what may be further added, to make up a compleat Set of Regulations to this Effect, to be laid before the Commission in *November*, that they may prepare the same fully for the next Assembly. *Ibid.*

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- A Petition of Mr. *David Thomson*, Minister of the *English* reformed Church in *Amsterdam*, in behalf of the *German* Protestant Churches settled in *Pennsylvania* and *North America*, craving that a publick Collection be made for Relief of the said Protestant Churches, remitted to the Committee last named, to look into Mr. *Thomson's* Papers and Vouchers relative to this Affair, and to bring in their Report thereon, with the Draught of an Act and Recommendation to the Purpose above-mentioned. *Ibid.*
- The Report of the Visitors of the Commission Book read, the Commission's Proceedings approved of, excepting as to their Decisions in the Case of the Settlement of the Parish of *Inverkeithing*. The Commission thanked for their Faithfulness and Diligence in the other Affairs Committed to them, and their Book ordered to be attested. *Ibid.*
- Reference to the Commission at their meeting in *November* next, to call the following Causes, viz. appeals of Mr. *James Ker* at *Dun*, *Michael Bell* Town Clerk of *Linlithgow*, *David Johnston*, *John MacTaggart* and his Spouse, *John Ferrier*, *Francis Riddel*, *Quintin Dick*, and *David MacMurtrie*, and upon their not compearing, then to dismiss their Appeals. *Ibid.*
- The Members from the several Synods appointed to Meet by themselves in order to bring in the Nominators of the Commission of this Assembly, according to the 6th Act of Assembly 1705. *Ibid.*
- A Judgement of the Presbytery of *Edinburgh*, affirm'd by the Synod of *Lothian* and *Tweeddale*, admitting Mr. *John Johnston* Minister in the Castle of *Edinburgh*, to be a Member of the said Presbytery approven. *Ibid.*
- A List of Members from the several Synods brought in and appointed as a Committee to name the Members of the Commission of this Assembly, and prepare Instructions to them. *May 22d Sess. 8th.*
- The Report of the Committee for revising the Accompts of the Commissioners, sent to *London* in the Year 1750 brought in, read and approven, and the Sum of 819*l.* 10*s.* 1*d.* *Sterling*, depurisd by them, declared to be a Debt upon the publick Fund of the Church, to bear Interest from the Term of *Whitsunday* last. *Ibid.*
- An Overture given in by the said Committee concerning the Managment of the publick Funds, and paying off the Debts thereon contracted, ordered to ly upon the Table till next meeting. *Ibid.*
- The Accompts of the Procurator and Agents for the Church, with the Report of the Committee who examined the same, produced, and ordered to ly upon the Table till another Diet, to be perused by Members. *Ibid.*
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The Report of the Committee appointed on *Wednesday* last to revise the Securities for 1500 *l. Sterling* lent upon the Lord Reay's Estate, brought in, and the said Securities approved of. *Ibid.*

The Sum of 56 *l. 18 s. 5 d. Sterling* as the Interest uplifted by the Procurator and presently in his Hands, of 367 *l. 17 s. 2 d. Sterling* collected for building a Place of Worship in the *Enzie*, appointed to be added to the Principal, and the Accumulate Sum to be lent out to the best Advantage. *Ibid.*

Act appointing a Collection to be made at the Church Doors of all the Parishes in *Scotland*, for Relief of the German Protestant Churches settled in *Pensylvania* and *North America*, upon the last Sabbath of *November* next (that is, the 2d Sabbath of *December* New Style) and the Money, so collected, to be paid in to Mr. *James Mansfield*, or Mr. *William Hogg* Merchants in *Edinburgh*. *Ibid.*

A Sentence of the Synod of *Fife*, affirming a Judgement of the Presbytery of *Coupar*, sustaining a call by the Heretors and Elders of the Parish of *Abdie* to Mr. *Robert Wingate* to be Minister of that Parish, affirmed, and the said Presbytery appointed to proceed to his Tryals and Settlement as Minister of the Parish of *Abdie*, according to the Rules of the Church. *Ibid.*

The Warrant for summoning the Ministers of the Presbytery of *Dumfriesline*, to compare this Day, to give an Account of their Conduct in Consequence of the Appointment laid upon them on *Monday* last to admit Mr. *Andrew Richardson* as Minister at *Iverkeithing*, with an Execution thereof against them produced, the said Ministers called upon, and a Resolution entered into, that one of Six disobedient Brethren be deposed. *Ibid.*

The Overture brought in last Diet concerning the Management of the publick Funds of the Church, and paying off the Debts contracted thereon, read and approved, bearing, that Payment be made to Mr. *David Dalrymple*, Procurator for the Church of the Sum of 819 *l. 10 s. 1 d. Sterling*, depurled by the Commissioners sent to *London*, with Interest thereof from *Whitsunday* last, till it is repaid; that the Viaticums for this Year be paid; that the Expence of carrying on Processes at the publick Charge, already ordered by the Assembly, shall be defrayed by the Agents for the Church till such Processes are brought to a Conclusion; that till the Principal Sums and growing Interests thereof, due by the Church, is cleared off, no more Viaticums are to be paid; nor any more Processes carried on at the publick Charges of the Church. That, till these Debts are paid off, the Church's Funds shall be laid out as follows, *viz.* *imo*, For paying

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ing the Salaries due to their Officers; 2do, The Interest growing annually due on the Debts owing by the Church and the Expence of the Processes already ordered to be carried on. 3tio, The Debt due to Messrs. *Wallace* and *Wishart*. 4to, The Debt due to Mr. *Wodrow*; and, lastly, the Debt due to the Commissioners sent to *London*, and several of the Lawiers, Members of the Assembly having, in order to save the Expence of the Church, signified their Readiness to appear in Causes, wherein the Church may be concerned, *gratis*, received the thanks of the Assembly. May 23d Sess. 9th.

The Committee named to consider the Application and Credentials of the Reverend Mr. *David Thomson* Minister in *Amsterdam*, appointed to draw Answers to the Letters given in by him Yesterday, and to lay the same before the Commission in *November*. *Ibid.*

The Report of the Committee on the publick Money brought in and read, and their Opinion, that the Sum of 4*l.* *Sterling* of Viaticum be paid to one Commissioner from each of the Presbyteries of *Abertarph*, *Gairloch*, *Tong*, *Caithness*, *Lorn*, *Cairston*, and *Zetland*, and the like Sum to each of the two Commissioners from the Presbytery of *Skye*, for their Attendance on this Assembly: That the former Orders on the Procurator and Agents for the Church, with respect to the Process against Mr. *Laurence Brown*, Minister at *Lentrathen*, be continued till the issue of that Process, approved of. *Ibid.*

The Procurator and Agents for the Church appointed to appear, in their Stations, in a Process at the Instance of the Synod of *Merse* and *Teviotdale*, for having the Parish of *Longnewton* provided with a Minister of its own, or annexed to some neighbouring Parish; and to call for the Assistance of the other Gentlemen Lawiers who have offered their Service to the Church. *Ibid.* Act, deposing Mr. *Thomas Gillespie* Minister at *Carnock* from the Office of the Holy Ministry within this Church, and appointing the Presbytery of *Dumfermline* to admit Mr. *Andrew Richardson* as Minister of the Parish of *Inverkeithing*, on or before the 18th of *June* next.

The Report of the Visitors of the Register of the Committee for managing the Royal Bounty for Reformation of the *Highlands*, and *Islands* brought in; the itinerant Preacher settled at *Portsoy*, and that employed in the Parish of *Eigine* continued in these Places, in consideration of their usefulness there, and the said Register ordered to be attested. *Ibid.*

The Draught of a Commission and Instructions to the Committee for managing the Royal Bounty this Year, brought in, and after some Additions, approved of. *Ibid.*

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Report of the Committee for naming the Members of the Commission, and drawing Instructions to them, brought in and approved, *May 25th Session ult.*

Reference to the Commission to cognosce and finally determine, as the first Cause, an Appeal of *William Urquhart* of *Meldrum*, Patron of the Parish of *Cromarty*, from a Sentence of the Synod of *Ross*, affirming a Sentence of the Presbytery of *Chanoury*, sustaining a Call by the Heretors and Elders of the Parish of *Cromarty*, to Mr. *Patrick Henderson* Probationer, and afterwards admitting him as Minister of that Parish, notwithstanding of an Appeal entered against the same, and that he, the Patron, had presented Mr. *Thomas Simpson* to supply that Vacancy. *Ibid.*

Reference to the Commission to cognosce and finally determine in an Appeal of *John MacCulloch* of *Barholm*, for himself, and *John MacCulloch* his eldest Son, claiming to be Patrons of the Parish of *Kirkmabreck*, and who granted a Presentation to Mr. *William Sloan* Probationer, to be Minister of that Parish, from a Sentence of the Synod of *Galloway*, affirming a Judgment of the Presbytery of *Wigtoun*, appointing the Moderation of a Call to Mr. *Samuel Brown*, who had been presented by the Crown to supply the said Vacancy, and afterwards sustaining the said Call to Mr. *Brown*. *Ibid.*

Reference to the Commission to cognosce and finally determine in a Reference from the Synod of *Lothian* and *Tweeddale* of a Cause brought before them, by Appeal from a Sentence of the Presbytery of *Biggar*, in the Settlement of the Parish of *Biggar*, finding the said Parish in the same Circumstances it was in at last General Assembly, and therefore that they could not proceed to the Settlement thereof. *Ibid.*

A Report from the Committee for Overtures respecting a Letter produced to them, directed to the Moderator of this Assembly, subscribed by Heretors and Elders of the united Parishes of *Bressa* and *Burra* in *Zetland*, complaining of their Want of Gospel Ordinances, thro' the long Absence of their Minister Mr. *Matthew Moncrieff*, and inclosing two Petitions which had been given in to the Presbytery of *Zetland*, complaining as above, and craving Redress, brought in, bearing, that the Committee had heard Mr. *John Barclay* Member of this Assembly, from that Presbytery upon this Subject, and were informed, that Mr. *Moncrieff* had been obliged to leave that Place by Reason of Want of Health; that from the Time of his leaving it, he had been endeavouring to provide one to supply his Charge, but had by certain Accidents been disappointed, that now one was actually gone for that Purpose, and the Opinion of the Committee, that a Let-

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- ter be be written to these Elders, acquainting them with what is above represented, and that it be left to the Presbytery of *Zetland* to give Judgment upon the said Petitions and Complaint as they see Cause, and that the Commission be impowered to take in and finally judge of any Question which may be brought before them by Reference or Appeal from that Presbytery relative to the said Complaint, approved of. *Ibid.*
- Overture for regulating the Effect of Dissents from Judgments of inferior Courts. *Ibid.*
- Act anent Presbyteries neglecting to send up their Opinions upon Overtures transmitted to them. *Ibid.*
- Act regulating the Meetings of Synods in respect of the late Act of Parliament changing the Kalendar. *Ibid.*
- A Committee named to have under Consideration what is the Power of Kirk Sessions in the Management of the Poor's Money, and appointed to report their Opinion to the Commission at their Meeting in *November* next, who are appointed to prepare an Overture thereupon to the next General Assembly. *Ibid.*
- Act approving the Accompts of Mr. *David Dalrymple* Advocate, Procurator for the Church, his Intromissions, with his Majesty's Allowance for defraying the public Charges of the Church for the Terms of *Lady-day, Midsummer, Michaelmas* and *Christmas*, 1751, and appointing a Balance of 94 *l* 1 *s*. 7 *d*. 1-half *d*. *Sterl.* in his Hands, to be charged in his next Accompt. *Ibid.*
- Act approving the Accompts of *Robert MacIntosh*, Agent for the Church, and Sub-Clerk to the General Assembly, and appointing that he charge himself in his next Accompt with the Balance of 9 *s*. 2 *d*. 1-third *d*. *Sterl.* in his hands. *Ibid.*
- Act approving the Accompt of *John Baillie*, conjunct Agent for the Church, and appointing that he have Credit in his next Accompt for the Balance of 19 *l*. 4 *s*. 8 and 1-half *d*. *Sterl.* due to him. *Ibid.*
- Reference to the Commission to consider Receipts produced for *James Farquharson* of *Invercauld*, for vouching his having expended the Balance of 33 *l*. 13 *s*. *Scots*, due by his Accompt discharged by last Assembly, and remaining in his Hands, of the Money collected for building the Bridges of *Muck* and *Garden*, and repairing the Bridge of *Tullich*; for the due Application of which Balance, he had granted his Obligation; and if they see Cause to discharge the said *James Farquharson* of the above Money, and order his said Obligation to be delivered up. *Ibid.*
- Reference to the Commission to determine in any References or Appeals that may be regularly brought before them relating to the Settlements of the Town and Parish of *Tain*, and of the Parish of *Dalton*. *Ibid.*

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- A Petition of Mr. *Martin MacPherson* itinerant Minister in the Parish of *Glenelg*, craving an Augmentation of his Salary, remitted to the Committee for managing the Royal Bounty. *Ibid.*
- A Petition for the Elders and other Inhabitants in the Parish of *Fetteresso*, craving an itinerant Preacher may be continued in their said Parish, remitted to the said Committee. *Ibid.*
- A Petition of the Commissioners from the Presbytery of *Kintyre*, bearing, that there are Numbers of People in their Bounds who, though they can read the Scriptures, yet do not understand the same in the *English* Language, and, in regard the *Irish* Bible is entirely out of Print, craving the Assembly would grant them such a Number of the *Irish* Bibles, deposited by the Church in the Divinity Libraries of *Edinburgh* and *Glasgow*, as they shall judge proper; referred to the Commission, that they may enquire into the Facts therein set forth, and do therein as they see Cause. *Ibid.*
- Reference to the Commission to consider a Petition for the Trustees of the College of *New Jersey*, praying for a National Collection for the Benefit of the said College. *Ibid.*
- Order on deficient Presbyteries to send up to the next General Assembly their Opinions on the Overtures transmitted to them by the last and preceeding Assemblies, viz. Overture about the Psalmody, Overture about Licensing Probationers, Overture anent Processes against Probationers. *Ibid.*
- The Synod Books of *Galloway*, *Pentb* and *Stirling*, *Angus* and *Mearns*, *Glenelg*, *Orkney*, *Lothian* and *Tweeddale*, and *Merse* and *Teviotdale*, attested. *Ibid.*
- The Synod Books of *Dumfries*, *Glasgow* and *Air*, *Argyle*, *Fife*, *Aberdeen*, *Moray*, *Ross*, *Sutherland* and *Caithness*, and Presbytery Book of *Zetland* not being produced, are appointed to be sent up to the next Assembly. *Ibid.*
- Protestation admitted at the Instance of the Synod of *Dumfries*, against the Presbytery of *Chirnside*, and Parishioners of *Ayton*, for not insisting in their Appeal from a Sentence of the said Synod, refusing to transport Mr. *John Dickie* from *Langholm* to the said Parish of *Ayton*. *Ibid.*
- Protestation admitted at the Instance of the Heretors and others of the Parish of *Kintoss*, Callers of Mr. *James Munro*, to be their Minister, against *Hugh Rose* of *Kilravock* and others for not insisting in their Appeal from a Sentence of the Synod of *Moray*, anent the Settlement of the said Parish. *Ibid.*
- Protestation admitted at the Instance of the Presbytery of *Edinburgh*, against Mr. *James Tod* for not insisting in his

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- This Appeal from a Sentence of the Synod of *Lothian* and *Tweeddale*, affirming a Judgement of the Presbytery of *Edinburgh* depriving him of the Exercise of his Licence as a Probationer. *Ibid.*
- Protestation admitted at the Instance of the Synod of *Dumfries*, against *William MacCormack* Writer in *Dumfries*, for not insisting in his Appeal from a Sentence of the said Synod, pronounced in *October* last, in a Process of Scandal against him. *Ibid.*
- List of Probationers in the Bounds of 31 Presbyteries produced, amounting to 99, and ordered to be recorded; and the several Presbyteries desired to be more carefull in Time coming in observing the Act of Assembly appointing them to send up Lists of Probationers on the Back of their Commissions. *Ibid.*
- The Report of the Trustees for managing the Fund for a Provision to Ministers Widows, &c. produced, containing a State of the Fund under their Management, and an Account of their Proceedings since last General Assembly, and ordered to be recorded in the separate Register kept for that Purpose. *Ibid.*
- The Minutes of this Sederunt were read, the Minutes of former Sederunts being read at the Diets subsequent to each Sederunt. *Ibid.*
- A Committee appointed to revise the Minutes of this Assembly's Proceedings at this and all the other Diets thereof, and to pitch upon such of the Acts of this Assembly as are to be standing Rules, or are of public Use, in order to their being printed. *Ibid.*
- The Moderator's Speech to the Assembly, and to his Majesty's Commissioner. *Ibid.*
- The Lord Commissioner's Speech in return thereto, and then the Assembly concluded. *Ibid.*

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